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BLOCK FOR A HYDRAULIC PUMP

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Sir:

In connection with the filing of the above-identified application, kindly enter the following preliminary amendments.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.

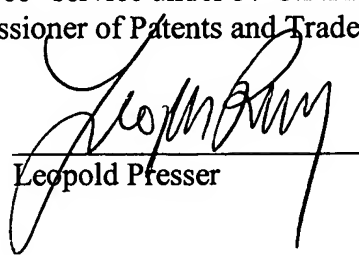
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